

May 14, 2006

Obit: Otho Schaller

- Otho "Oats" William Schaller, 87, of Aberdeen, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 214 7th Avenue SW, Aberdeen, with Rev. Brian Idt presiding. Burial follows at Sunset Memorial Gardens under direction of Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main St., Aberdeen.

- Funeral home visitation will be from 3-6:00 p.m., Sunday, with a time of family sharing at 6:00 p.m., and Monday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and one hour prior to the service at church.



- Otho William Schaller was born April 5, 1919 in Brown County to William and Rachel (Knoll) Schaller. He grew up in the Groton area and attended country school. He was a life time member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. Otho lived in Chicago and worked for Wesco, a paint factory. He returned to Groton and married Dorothy Schmidt on July 7, 1945, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. They were happily married for 61 years.

- After their marriage the couple returned to Chicago where Otho resumed his employment at Wesco. After a few years they returned to South Dakota where Otho managed the Ferney Farmers Union Co-op for 25 years.

- After retiring from the Co-op, Otho and Dorothy moved to a hobby farm a few miles northwest of Ferney. They lived there for fifteen years until moving to Aberdeen to be closer to their family.

- Otho enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, golfing, gardening and woodworking.

- Otho is survived by his wife; one son Dennis Schaller of West Hills, CA; two daughters: Janet Stump of Poulsbo, WA, and Holly Judd of Aberdeen; five grandchildren: Courtney Stump of Seattle, WA, Colin Stump of Poulsbo, WA, Allan Judd of Bremerton, WA, Christopher Judd of Silverdale, WA and Marcus Judd of Aberdeen; three brothers: Kenneth Schaller of Bruce, SD, Orville Schaller of Groton, SD, and Benny Schaller of Groton; three sisters: Myla Konkol of Steger, IL, Arlene Peterson of Conde, SD and Bonnie Larson of Groton, SD.

- Otho was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law Charles (Chuck) Judd, two brothers: Myron and Walter Schaller, one infant sister, one infant brother and one niece Sherry Schaller.

- Casket bearers will be Allan Judd, Courtney Stump, Christopher Judd, Colin Stump, Marcus Judd, Jerry Ray Johnson and Adam Feser.